

HealthWave Update

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What is HealthWave?

- HealthWave is a program of managed care providing medical services to children and families eligible for Medicaid (Title XIX of the Social Security Act) and the State Children's Health Insurance Plan (SCHIP, or Title XXI).
 - Physical health plans
 - Mental health and substance abuse plans
 - Dental care is provided fee-for service
- HealthWave began as the program name for the state's new SCHIP program in 1999, but has grown to include Medicaid enrollees as well.



Brief History

- January 1999 -- HealthWave created to serve the new SCHIP population in Kansas
- January 2002 -- HealthWave expanded to include Medicaid managed care members
- January 2007 -- KHPA contracted with two physical health managed care organizations providing choice to members
- December 2007 -- Congress passed the Medicare, Medicaid, and SCHIP Extension Act of 2007 funding SCHIP through March 2009



HealthWave 19

HealthWave 19 is made up of Medicaid beneficiaries with an eligibility type of Temporary Assistance to Families (TAF) or Poverty Level Eligible (PLE):

 TAF eligibility is up to about 30% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL).

PLE eligibles include pregnant women & children who

are at or below 150% FPL.

 Children must be under 19 years of age.

PLE thresholds fall
 as age rises, i.e.,
 the "stair step" eligibility.





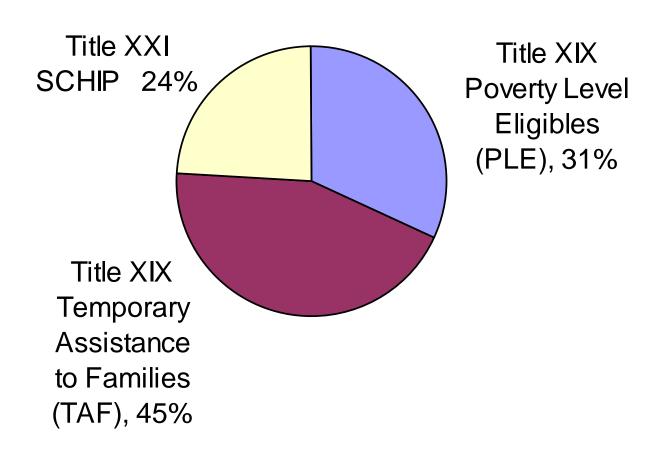
HealthWave 21

HealthWave 21 (SCHIP):

- Covers children 0-18 years of age who are above the Medicaid stair-step eligibility thresholds and below 200% FPL.
- In 2008 the legislature passed an expansion of eligibility to 250% FPL, contingent on the availability of Federal funding.

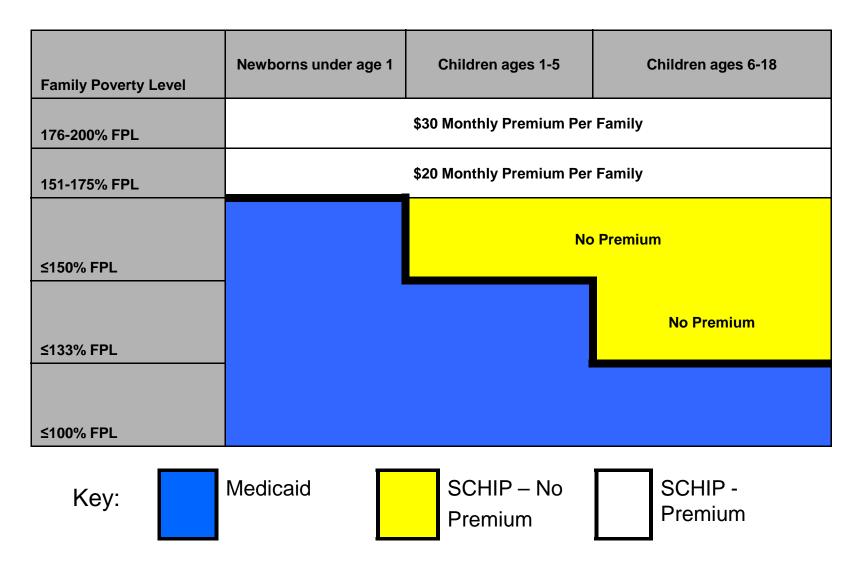


HealthWave Population SFY 2008





What is "Stair-Step Eligibility?"





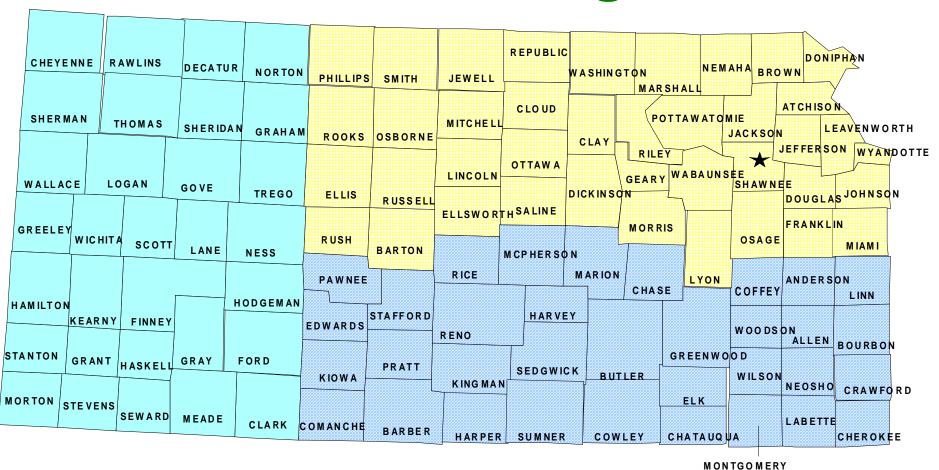
How Much Family Income is Allowed?

To be HealthWave eligible, the total countable income must not exceed the monthly Federal Poverty Level (FPL) standards based on the appropriate number of family members.

Family Members	200% FPL	150% FPL (Preg. Women & Infants <1)	133% FPL (Children Ages 1 thru 5)	100% FPL (Children Ages 6 thru 18)
1	\$1,734	\$1,300	\$1,153	\$867
2	\$2,334	\$1,750	\$1,552	\$1,167
3	\$2,934	\$2,200	\$1,951	\$1,467
4	\$3,534	\$2,650	\$2,350	\$1,767
5	\$4,134	\$3,100	\$2,749	\$2,067
6	\$4,734	\$3,550	\$3,148	\$2,367



HealthWave Service Regions



Region 1 -Children's Mercy Family Health Partners & UniCare Health Plan of Kansas, Inc.

Region 2 -Children's Mercy Family Health Partners & UniCare Health Plan of Kansas, Inc.

Region 3 - UniCare Health Plan of Kanas



Who are the Managed Care Organizations?









How is Quality Measured?

✓ Nationally Recognized Quality HEDIS Indicators

✓ Satisfaction Surveys: CAHPS and Provider

✓ Performance Improvement Projects



What is HEDIS?

HEDIS, the Healthcare Effectiveness Data Information Set, is used by more than 90% of America's health plans to measure performance using administrative claims records.

HealthWave HEDIS Measures Assessed Annually

- Adult access to preventive/ambulatory health services
- Comprehensive diabetes care (HbAlc tests)
- Prenatal and postpartum care (prenatal visits)
- Antibiotic Utilization
- Children's access to primary care practitioners
- Use of appropriate medications for children with asthma
- Well-child visits in the first 15 months of life
- Well-child visits in the 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th years of life
- Lead Screening in Children



What is CAHPS?

CAHPS, the Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems, consists of standardized surveys of health care consumers. The surveys cover topics such as: communication skills of providers, accessibility of services, and satisfaction with the health plan.

KHPA and MCOs Utilize CAHPS to:

- Evaluate patient-centered care;
- Assess access to care;
- Report plan performance;
- Compare the results to local, regional, and national trends; &
- Improve quality of care.



What is a PIP?

PIPs, Performance Improvement Projects, are projects initiated by MCOs using a PDSA cycle (Plan, Do, Study, Act). Plans complete two PIPs per contract year.

PIP topics for HealthWave:

- Improving the Rate of Adolescent Well-Care Visits
- Improving the Rate of Prenatal Care in the First Trimester and Postpartum Care Visits
- Improving Lead Screening Rates
- Improving Customer Service Rates



KHPA Also Monitors MCOs By...

- Completing annual on-site audits
- Routine contact with the Kansas Hospital Association and the Kansas Medical Society
- Monthly operational reports for: Customer Service, Member Grievance, and Claims Payment
- Routine provider network review



Quality Improvement Plans

- New Quality Improvement effort underway to regularly measure and compare quality across programs, including SEHBP, HealthWave, and Medicaid FFS
- Public posting of program quality data, plan initiatives, activities, and outcomes
- Annual reviews of major programs that incorporate quality information
- Funds requested to support data collection in Medicaid FFS



Performance Results

KHPA routinely monitors the quality and operational performance of all plans. Operational reporting has taken place from the onset of contracting, however reporting quality measures are assessed across time through trend analysis.

	Claims		Customer Service			Greivances/Appeals	
	Total Claims	% Paid	Calls Answered	Avg Speed to Answer	Abandon Rate	Providers	Members
CMFHP	147,698	73%	5,894	7.75 sec	2%	11	34
UniCare	44,301	80%	2,127	18.75 sec	2%	0	4
Cenpatico	2,853	57%	456	0.08 sec	0.87%	1	2



Pending Quality Reports

- CAHPS beneficiary surveys for UniCare, Family Health Partners and HealthConnect – December 2008
- HEDIS health care measures for UniCare and Family Health Partners – Beginning Winter 2009
- Provider satisfaction surveys for UniCare and Family Health Partners – Beginning Winter 2009
- Results from Performance Improvement Projects Beginning Winter 2009



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